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SUBJECT:US RESPONSE TO FRANCE ON CONSENSUS PROPOSAL

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1. ENDERS PHONED DAVIGNON WEDNESDAY AND TOLD HIM THAT OUR RESPONSE TO THE FRENCH AIDE-MEMOIRE DID NOT REPEAT NOT CONSTITUTE FORMAL USG ACCEPTANCE OF THE FRENCH CONSENSUS PROPOSAL. RATHER IT INDICATED OUR AGREEMENT THAT THE SCENARIO PROPOSED WAS AN ACCEPTABLE BASIS FOR RESUMING THE DIALOGUE PROVIDING WE OBTAIN SATISFACTORY CLARIFICATION ON THE FOUR POINTS WE RAISED. WE DO NOT INTEND TO ACCEPT THE CONSENSUS PROPOSAL FORMALLY UNTIL THESE POINTS AND THOSE WHICH MAY BE RAISED BY THE OTHER NINE INVITEES HAVE BEEN CLARIFIED TO OUR SATISFACTION. WE DO, HOWEVER, BELIEVE THAT THE FRENCH CONSENSUS PROPOSAL, WITH OUR MODIFICATIONS,-IS WITHIN THE PARAMETERS EARLIER AGREED TO IN THE IEA.

2. OUR PURPOSE IN ADVISING DAVIGNON OF THE FRENCH PROPOSAL AND OF OUR RESPONSE WAS TO BRING HIM UP TO DATE ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS. WE BELIEVE THE DIFFERENCES HAVE BEEN NARROWED SUBSTANTIALY, AND WE ARE NOW CLOSE TO FINAL AGREEMENT.

3. DAVIGNON INDICATED THAT THE EC RESPONSE TO THE FRENCH WOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL AUGUST 25. HE PLANS TO PROCEED WITH A BRIEF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING THAT DAY TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR OTHER IEA MEMBERS TO COMMENT. HE ASSUMED THAT OUR POSITION WOULD BE MADE CLEAR, I.E., THAT WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL FINALLY UNTIL POINTS WE RAISED ARE AGREED TO.

4. DAVIGNON SAID HE DOES NOT PLAN TO ATTEND AUGUST 25 GB MEETING AND WILL HAVE LANTZKE OR HOPKINS IN CHAIR.

5. ENDERS INDICATED ROBINSON WAS PREPARED MEET WITH DAVIGNON IN PARIS AUGUST 21 TO BRIEF HIM PERSONALLY, BUT DAVIGNON SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE NECESSARY.

6. USOECD INFORM IEA SECRETARIAT OF SUBSTANCE THIS
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